GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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SANCTITY OF WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT, 1972 AND FOREST CONSERVATION ACT, 1980
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the sanctity of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, to save Indian forests and wildlife has been devastated during the last five years and current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the wilderness in India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) No, Sir. On the contrary these Acts have been instrumental in protecting our forests and wildlife.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Steps taken by Government for conservation of wilderness in India are as follows −

i. To conserve wildlife, State Governments have notified important habitats as National Parks and Sanctuaries. Government of India provides financial and technical assistance for development of such Protected Areas.

ii. The endangered animals have been included in the Schedule ? of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and get maximum protection.

iii. Under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes financial assistance is provided for in-situ conservation of wild flora and fauna.

iv. Schemes are being undertaken to create environmental awareness.